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## JOHNSON ADMITS CRIME GUNS AND MISSIONS

Did Not Act From  
Motives of Re-  
venge.

He Simply Felt Like  
Murdering and  
Did It.

(From Saturday's Advertiser.)

Frank Johnson is the self-confessed murderer of little Simeon Wharton.

The murderer was brought to Honolulu yesterday afternoon and booked at the police station.

A coroner's jury composed of David Kauualu, J. K. Kaimui, W. P. Kalofohia, Joe Smith and John Mekemia, with Sheriff Brown as coroner, held a session at 10 o'clock yesterday morning in the Wai'alua courthouse, and after listening to the evidence, returned a verdict of murder against Johnson. Johnson's confession was made about 9 o'clock yesterday morning and before the jury convened.

**JOHNSON BECAME UNNERVED.**  
After spending two nights and a day in the dark room of the Wai'alua jail, Johnson became unnerved, and yesterday notified Deputy Sheriff Cox that he was the murderer. Cox called Sheriff Brown and Chester Doyle, who represent the Attorney General's department, and in the presence of these officers Johnson told how and why he had killed the little boy.

**THE HORRIBLE DETAILS.**  
He told the disgusting story of how the lad was killed and mutilated. Johnson claims that he had been drinking sake and had slept out the night before the murder. On the morning of Wednesday he said he was seized with the desire to kill, and took the boy away from his playmates and went to a spot about 200 feet from the house where the body was later found, and did the deed.

After killing the boy, Johnson says he dug a hole with the knife he had used in the homicide, but that the excavation was not large enough to put the body in, so he dismembered it and put the mutilated remains into the hole. In other words, not being able to make a hole large enough for the body, the murderer made the body small enough to fit the hole.

**DOESN'T KNOW WHY HE KILLED.**  
In making his confession to Sheriff Brown, Johnson says he doesn't know why he committed the crime. When pressed for a reason he said he couldn't account for it in any way. "I don't know why I did it," he said; "something must have been the matter with me."

He did not state at any time the



FRANK JOHNSON, THE SELF-CONFESSED MURDERER.

### AFRAID TO GET SHOVEL.

When asked why he did not get a shovel to dig a deep grave, Johnson said he was afraid to go back to the house because the children would recognize him, and he thought that if Mrs. Wharton saw him with a shovel she would know what he was doing with it.

### HELPED IN SEARCH.

Then he left the scene of his crime and went down to the plantation bridge and returned to the Wharton home about 12 o'clock. He was asked to join in the search. He went out with some Japanese but avoided the place where the body lay. Then he came back to the yard and going on the veranda remained there. Even when the body was found he did not go with the others to view the remains.

**NO WATER TO WASH HANDS.**  
The prisoner was asked why he did not wash his hands after the crime to remove the blood stains. He replied that there was no water handy and he merely wiped them on a gunny-sack. He was asked if he knew where the gunny-sack was, and he gave the location and afterwards the officers found it. Johnson went about all day Wednesday, Wednesday night and Thursday with the blood of his victim stained deep in his hands, especially in his finger nails. As stated in the Friday's Advertiser the caked blood on his nails was scraped off by Sheriff Brown and Chester Doyle and put in an envelope for chemical analysis.

**VISITS SCENE OF CRIME.**  
After the inquest, Johnson accompanied the officers to the scene of the crime. There in the presence of the officials and Dr. Hubert Wood of Wai'alua plantation, who made an autopsy on the boy's remains, Johnson reenacted the manner in which he disposed of the boy. It was a horrible rehearsal of the ghastly tragedy. Then he was made to point out the exact spot where he had thrown the intestines. He did so, and this confirmed the place of discovery of these parts the day before.

**WORRY CAUSED CONFESSION.**  
When asked why he had made the confession, the prisoner replied that he had brooded over the crime until he became worried and had only a desire to tell somebody of the horrible things crowding upon his mind. He said he decided to tell everything and look for forgiveness.

**THE BLOODY GARMENTS.**  
As to the blood stains on his garments, Johnson stated that he got the stains on his shirt while dismembering the body, but he says he can not account for the stains on his drawers.

**GRAND JURY.**  
Johnson will be brought before the grand jury this morning if that body is in session. Otherwise he may be taken into the police court and waive examination. It is believed that judicial action in his case will be prompt.

**WHARTON'S MISIMPRESSION.**  
In Wednesday's Advertiser a statement from Henry Wharton appeared, to the effect that a Wai'alua policeman had "knocked down" \$3 in consideration of not locking up a Japanese boy who had assaulted another Japanese child.

Mr. Wharton stated yesterday that the story as printed was exactly as he had given to the reporter, but added that he had since found that he had been laboring under a misimpression.

It appears that the father of the assaulted child wanted \$3 damages. The policeman told the mother of the offending child this and she compromised by giving \$2 to the policeman. The latter gave the money to Mrs. Wharton who, in turn, handed it over to the father of the little girl who was hit with the rock.



DEPUTY SHERIFF COX, OF WAI'ALUA.

## CARTER WITHDRAWS HIS SUPPORT FROM ROBINSON

Governor Carter has withdrawn his support from Judge W. J. Robinson for a second term as Third Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

Judge Robinson was among the latest of several very late callers on the Governor yesterday afternoon. After one more interview, given to W. O. Smith and J. P. Cooke, the Governor at about 5:40 hurried from his office, mentioning that he had a dinner engagement with no time to spare for keeping it.

Returning early in the evening, Governor Carter authorized the announcement that he had withdrawn his support from Judge Robinson's renomination. "I have decided upon this action," the Governor said, "owing to an incident that had occurred some little time ago which, it was fortunate, had not resulted in a greater loss of dignity for Judge Robinson's court."

Governor Carter added that he had cabled his withdrawal of support from Judge Robinson to Washington.

Judge Matthewman, of the Third Circuit, who arrived from Kailua last week, was closeted with the Governor a few minutes prior to Judge Robinson's interview.

### LIBERTY TURNED TO LICENSE.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

MOSCOW, January 9.—The relaxation of the former stringent regulations in force by the military has resulted in isolated murders of some of the soldiers.

### THE MONROE DOCTRINE AGAIN.

WASHINGTON, January 9.—The trouble between France and President Castro of Venezuela is reaching a crisis.

## WHAT TAKES W. O. SMITH AWAY TODAY



HON. W. O. SMITH.

## He Wishes to Have the Form of Bill Right and to Collect Data.

At the meeting of the Washington delegation at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the office of W. O. Smith, the latter, who is chairman, stated that he would leave today on the Sierra and go directly to Washington. The other members are to follow on the Mongolia leaving here January 19.

After the meeting W. O. Smith called on Governor Carter. Being seen later by an Advertiser reporter, Mr. Smith said:

"Two of three important questions were considered at the meeting of the delegation.

"It was decided that I should leave for Washington tomorrow. I shall go by way of New Orleans, thereby avoiding the cold of the more northern route.

"The purpose of my going ahead of the rest of the delegation is to make certain preparations for our appearance before the Committee on Territories. As the main body leaving here on the 19th would only arrive the day before that fixed for the hearing, which is February 1, the margin of time for preparation would be too narrow for the delegation.

"I want to confer with Delegate Kuhio on the form of the bill for allotting 75 per cent. of Federal revenues for twenty years to this Territory.

"Then there is considerable data that I wish to collect in Washington for the use of the delegation. Among other things I want statistics regarding territories and taxation, such as rates of taxation in other territories, what the government of other territories has cost, and so forth.

"Another matter attended to was the calling of Messrs. Loebenstein and Case, the delegates of Hawaii and Maui, to Honolulu for conference with the delegation.

"No, I hardly thing an outside secretary will be employed. Mr. Galt has been elected by his colleagues as secretary and treasurer of the delegation."

## THROWS DOWN THE GAUNTLET

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

WASHINGTON, January 9.—President Roosevelt sent a message to Congress yesterday inviting scrutiny into the administration of the Panama Canal project.

He says in his message that the sensational charges which have been made of jobbery and immorality in connection with the matter are absolutely unfounded.

### MAYOR AGAIN TAKES OATH.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 9.—The Schmitz administration was installed here today.

## A GRAND JURY THAT DIDN'T WANT TO KNOW

Pearl City, January 6, 1906.

Editor Advertiser: In your editorial of this morning you complain of the conduct of the grand jury in re gambling cases. I do not kick, Mr. Editor; you are not the only one this said grand jury ignored. Complaints have repeatedly been made to the police department, both to the highest and lowest officials, about a certain place in this city and positive proofs of law-breaking placed in their hands, but no action was ever taken. As a last resort I put the whole thing in writing (offering the proofs) and signed with my name and placed it before the grand jury. I fully expected to be called on to substantiate the charges, but no notice was ever taken of the matter. I always thought the grand jury were supposed to investigate all complaints laid before that body, either to verify or refute them, but it appears I was mistaken.

G. J. M'CBATTY.



SIMEON WHARTON, THE MURDERED BOY.

deed was committed out of revenge for the refusal of Simeon's mother to give him (Johnson) liquor.

**STABBED IN THE SIDE.**

Johnson said that after getting the boy off to the cane field he stabbed the little fellow in the side with his knife. Then he struck him on the top of the head, breaking through. He believed that the boy was almost instantly killed. After the boy's death, he became frightened and started to dig a grave with his knife and hands. He could not make it large enough, owing to the gravel and rocks encountered. The body would not fit. Then he took the boy's clothes off and began cutting up the body. When he completed this ghastly work he laid the remains in the hole and covered them up.